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Aviation Kit Materials. We have five such kits at the office, 25¢ each, and are available to those for the asking. If we run out, orders may be obtained by submitting to the United Air Lines, 1339-4th Ave., Seattle 1, Washington.

The kits include a set of 12 attractive pictures of planes and air views 12 by 18 inches; colored postcards and prints of a mainliner, an illustrated booklet of aviation stories; teachers' manuals, including a vast fund of information about flying which every teacher should have a handy reference on her desk; also sufficient folders in each kit for every child in the average classroom; and a directory of source where free and inexpensive aviation materials may be obtained. The kits have been developed on three grade levels--primary for grades, 1, 2 and 3; intermediate for grades 4, 5 and 6, and high school for both junior and senior grade levels.

Souvenirs of the Battle Ship Oregon. A large supply of these souvenirs are still at the office and we can see no reason why every boy and girl in the County who might cherish one of these, should not have one. Please write to our office for the number you wish and we will send them to you directly.

Spring

I opened my window and in came Spring!
Oh, but she was the loveliest thing--
Robed in lilac and pink and white,
Carrying sprays of blossoms bright,
Scented with perfume faintly sweet,
Fair from her head to her dancing feet,
Robins fluttered about her, too,
Singing the loveliest tunes they knew
And with the robins I want to sing--
Since I opened my window--and in came Spring!
Winifred J. Mott

Emergency Certificates. We have a number of teachers teaching on emergency certificates. In order that you may be qualified to teach next fall again, we suggest that you write to the State Department of Education to see if you may be granted another emergency certificate without added qualifications. Some of you have already been notified.

Failure. Five teachers have failed to register one or more of the three credential requirements. Are you one of those five? We would regret asking your clerk to withhold your check.

Fourth War Loan Drive. The Clatsop County Schools went over the top in the recent War Loan Drive: Quota as set by the State, \$26,034.00; Subscribed, \$171,283.24; Over-subscribed, \$145,249.24.

Jeep citations were sent to 13 schools, who purchased over \$1000 in bonds and three schools received a decalcomania for a PF-19 Fairchild Training Plane, buying more than \$15,000 in bonds.

Mrs. Blum's letter reads as follows: "May I extend congratulations to the students and teachers of Clatsop County on behalf of the Oregon War Finance Committee for the magnificent job they did on purchasing such a large number of stamps and bonds. Such participation shows not only thought and organization, but desire on the part of the residents of Clatsop County to do their share in financing the war effort."

But we are a little disappointed in the number of reports which are to be sent to the office together with each monthly report, showing the stamps and bonds bought for that period. May we have them all--not just half--be as conscientious about this report and others, as you are in teaching school.

OSTA. Only two teachers, outside of Astoria, have not joined the State Association; 90% of the County have joined. It is not too late to join, so let us make a sincere effort to make it 100%. Professional leadership calls for professional cooperation.

Clatsop County's unit of the OSTA has gone on record (1) \$1650 should be the very minimum salary (2) Some good sick leave program be included in all schools (3) No teacher should be hired who is not a member of the OSTA

Two years ago the boards voted to give the teachers a five or ten day sick leave, and as far as we know now, it is still in vogue, so a suggestion that teachers employing substitutes, get in touch with their school board and inquire about this.

4-H Club. Spring is here again, and that inevitable urge to dig in the soil and plant some seeds is affecting many people. The urge this year is a patriotic one because the government food agencies are asking for twenty-two million home gardens in the United States, two million more than the all time high of twenty million last year. More vegetables were grown by victory gardeners last year than by commercial growers.

There were all shapes, sizes, types and kinds of gardens around towns and farms last year. There were good gardens and poor ones, the one significant factor is, however, that most people growing gardens for the first time learned a lot about it, better and more productive gardens will be grown this year as a result.

If you have read this far you undoubtedly wonder why the exposition on gardens in a teacher's bulletin. The answer is that last year boys and girls played a major part in the victory garden program. In this county 4-H club boys and girls grew 150 gardens, and produced more than 37 tons of vegetables. Their contribution in food production is necessary and important this year.

Teachers are in a position to encourage boys and girls to participate in this activity. We know you have been busy with paper drives, selling war bonds and stamps, Red Cross work and other activities, but is there anything more important than meeting our food production goals and good family nutrition?

Every boy and girl in the county nine years old or older is eligible to grow a garden as a 4-H project. If a club cannot be organized any boy or girl can carry the project as an individual. In addition to immediate production the 4-H club program is interested in education. All of the best information available on gardening will be given those boys and girls enrolled in the garden project.

Food preservation is equally as important as the production. Canning may be taken as a mother and daughter project this year. Girls helping their mothers with canning may take credit for half of the products canned for their project.

If interest in this work can be secured in your community, we would appreciate having information about it. Don Jossy, County Club Agent, Postoffice Bldg, Astoria

Remember, no substitute teachers are paid less than the minimum of \$1200 a year, or \$6.67 per day.

Poverty

Who walks beside a rosebud
And does not sense its bloom,
Its lovely form and color,
Its delicate perfume;
Who walks beneath the heavens
And does not see the sky
The sunrise and the sunset,
The tints that glow and die;
Who treads a rural pathway
And never hears a bird
Nor notes the trembling grasses;
Who dwells among his fellows
And sees them pass his door
Nor even hears their heartbeats
Is pitifully poor.

Anonymous

Diplomas. Please send the names of your eighth grade graduates to the office as soon as possible.

Perfect Attendance certificates will be given this year; send the names of those eligible.

Registration. Those of you who are returning to this County next year, please see that your credentials are registered before you leave for the summer.

Flowers have an expression of countenance as much as men or animals. Some seem to smile, some have a sad expression, some are pensive and diffident; others again are plain, honest and upright, like the broadfaced sunflower and the hollyhock. Henry Ward Beecher

Closing School

Pupils

1. Have report cards ready for distribution on closing day.
2. See that all textbooks are checked in and if necessary any adjustments made for loss, defacement, or unnecessary damage beyond reasonable wear and tear.
3. Have pupils erase all marks and soiled spots on textbooks before handing in.

County School Superintendent's Office

1. See that your last monthly report is ready.
2. Complete your annual report, being careful that it checks with your monthly reports.
3. Send the county superintendent's office your summer address, so that notices and other materials may reach you.
4. Be sure all names and grades are entered in your register and that promotions and retentions are indicated.
5. Return any books or materials borrowed from the County School Superintendent's office.

School Clerk

1. See that the clerk receives school building keys.
2. If it is the custom to deposit all records, textbooks and supplies with the clerk during the summer months, see that this is done.
3. If you have a contract for next year, see that the contract is signed by both the chairman of the board and the clerk, and by yourself, and that the clerk is given the copy that should be filed with her.
4. Leave your summer address with your clerk.
5. Ask your clerk for your final salary warrant only after you have done all the things listed.
6. File with clerk a list of supplies needed for the next year so that the board can have the same on hand at the beginning of school.
7. Leave a copy of your this year's program in your register or with the clerk.
8. If possible, discuss with your board the things that should be done before the beginning of school to keep your school standard.

Building

1. Destroy all useless materials and leave your desk clean and in order.
2. Take down art and exhibit work, writing charts, etc. and put away for safe-keeping.
3. Leave blackboards, desks, stove and cloakrooms clean and in order.
4. See that all out buildings, toilets, as well as the schoolhouse are locked.
5. Leave the school library in an orderly condition. A list of all books in the school library should be filed with other school records.

6. See that all copies of courses of study, manuals, bulletins, books, etc., are left in your desk or with the clerk for safe keeping. Remember these are school property.
7. See that school lunch materials such as dry beans, seasonings, etc., are packed in mouse-proof containers and stored away under lock for the summer.

Teachers

1. See that all books for which you are responsible are returned to the public libraries
2. See that your last monthly report and annual report are in the hands of the superintendent before you leave.

High School Permanent Record Cards must be sent to our office at the termination of school. The duplicates from our office will be sent you; please transfer from your cards to them and return to our office together with your other reports at the close of school.

Supervisory and Testing Program. The pre-primary California tests have been given and you should have the individual score sheets attached to each pupil's permanent record card.

Stanford Achievement Tests, Form F, Complete Battery, will be sent you shortly. The class record and class analysis chart will be sent to the office and the individual score sheets attached to the permanent record cards.

We have the class record sheets for the California tests and will make a survey this summer, returning them to you in the fall; the same will be done for the Stanford Achievement tests, so it is absolutely necessary that you send the class record and class analysis chart to the office.

At the end of the year the permanent record card, and test score sheets will all be inside the health card folder and sent to the office for transfer to our duplicate cards. Please follow these instructions closely.

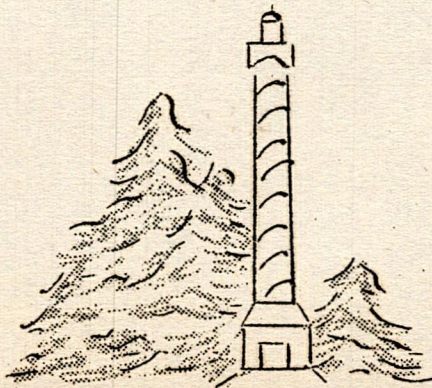
Hospitalization Plan. A state-wide program of hospitalization for Oregon teachers has been arranged through the Northwest Hospital Service Plan (Blue Cross Plan) of Portland, letters which have been sent to you.

Individual schools can be taken if the enrollment requirements are met by any particular school. Such requirements are: In schools of less than 10 teachers, 100% must enroll; in schools of 11 to 25 teachers, 60% must enroll (minimum 10); in schools over 25 teachers, a 50% enrollment is necessary in order to make contracts effective.

Applications from any particular school should all come in at the same time through a group leader, together with the payments on a semi-annual or annual basis.

Green Guard. "Any boy or girl in the State of Oregon, willing to pledge his support to protect the farms, fields, and forests of our state from the enemy fire may become an Oregon Green Guard. All you have to do is write to "Keep Oregon Green", State Forestry Building, Salem, Oregon. Print your name and address clearly and give your age, your grade in school and the names of other organizations to which you belong. State that you wish to be a member of the Oregon Green Guard. The official emblem, identification card, green tree sticker and service record and manual of instructions will be sent."

Music Festivals. Music Week begins on Sunday, May 7, keynoted by "Use to Foster Unity for the War and the Peace to Follow". Information has already been sent you, and a copy of your program must be sent to the office.



"The Column"

